

**LANSING
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2nd Annual Prison City Bike Run

June 10th, 2006

(more information on back cover)



WALL TO WALL



L.C.F. EMPLOYEES OF THE YEAR

Lansing Correctional Facility announces the 2005 Employees of the Year:

Uniformed:
Peggy Fortier
Non-Uniformed:
Chuck Phillips
Contract:
Ellen Bartz
Volunteer:
Rick Moreno

Above: Employees of the Year at LCF
Below: EOY in Topeka for the Statewide Employee of the Year Celebration



Employee of the Month Nomination (send to Brett Peterson)

OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEE NOMINATION FORM

Employee Name: _____ Uniform ☐ Non-Uniform ☐
Present Position: _____ Previous Position: _____

Length of time in existing position: _____ Length of service at LCF: _____
A nomination for outstanding employee can be for any person employed full time at Lansing Correctional Facility, excluding Senior Staff members. Nominations can be submitted by any person employed full time at LCF.
Below, please describe the outstanding efforts in the performance of duties which qualify the nominee for this award. Please be specific. Use the back of the page if additional space is required.

National Corrections Worker Week - Jim Collins

The first week of May has been designated as National Corrections Worker week. At LCF, we recognize this in several ways. In addition to the Memorial Service honoring the staff who have fallen in the line of duty at LCF, the facility hosts its annual Employee Picnic. It is a time to reflect on those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for the citizens of Kansas, as well as those often overlooked men and women who continue to protect the public day and night. The Memorial Service not only gives us a chance to look back and honor our fallen comrades, but also serves as a reminder of where we work and the dangers

we face on a regular basis. It is a time to look at how we do our jobs and consider ways to work safer and more effectively. Where the Memorial Service is a look back, the Employee Picnic is a celebration of today and things to come in the future. The picnic provides staff with the opportunity to get together off the clock and enjoy food, games and prizes. It gives people the chance to bring their families to the facility to meet their co-workers and give them a glimpse of our extended family. Because at the end of the day, that's what we are here, one huge extended family.

A family connected by the environment in which we work, bound together by a greater duty to society and bonded by the blood of those who have come before us. As you come to work, take a moment to reflect on the things that mean the most to you and strive to do your best to ensure that you and those around you go home safely at the end of the day. We all have loved ones to care for, so make it part of your mission to keep everyone around you safe from harm. It's what a family does.



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Prepare and Think Storm Safety - Sharon Blankenship

Spring storms often come with more than just rain. Mother Nature entertains us this time of year with spectacular lightning displays, but it's best to enjoy the show indoors. These storms may also have strong winds that can be dangerous. Being struck by lightning isn't a big risk, statistically speaking. It's actually fairly rare for people to be struck by lightning. (73 people are killed in the US each year.) When lightning strikes, more than two thirds of cases are not fatal. The best place to be in a storm is indoors. If you are in your car, stay in your car. It's best to stay in one place and wait for the storm to pass instead of trying to outrun the storm. If

you're caught outdoors and can't get to shelter, stay away from tall objects like trees, billboards, flagpoles or fences. **If you're indoors, limit use of the telephone and electric appliances during a lightning storm as these items conduct electricity.** We may not have staff routinely struck by lightning at LCF but we routinely have damage done to cameras, security alarm systems, fire alarm systems and our telephone electronics as lightning is clearly striking close to occupied areas. Winds that accompany these storms though not necessarily classified as tornadic can easily gust from 40 to 60 mph and

can launch mop buckets from tower catwalks and fling laundry carts from cell house landings. Rugs that have been errantly placed on the sidewalks outside of doors can be blown against the doors making it difficult or impossible to open the doors from the inside. At LCF, it is critical to "batten down the hatches" BEFORE the storm hits. Each summer we have injuries related to closing windows after the storm has approached: as windows are slammed in haste; some break resulting in cuts. After a power loss, while waiting the 5 seconds for the generator to come on we find out our flashlights don't work.

And what storm would be complete without a false alarm or medical emergency during the height of the storm? Our outside walking surfaces are uneven and strewn with vents, tunnel covers, and repair patches. Some areas can hold water several inches deep while others trap muddy run off from flower beds. Let's add some slick metal steps and highly waxed floors – and now we run. Do not run any faster than you can run safely. The Key to Storm Safety is Preparing and Thinking.

East Unit

The LCF East Unit began their new work call/recall process on 3 April 2006. All inmates leaving the east unit compound are required to be processed through this area. The inmates are grouped at the East unit visiting reception area to be checked off the compound. The inmates are then escorted over to the work call/recall area, across highway 5 (Old Soap Factory). The inmates are then required to remove their clothing to the under garments and boots, placing the clothing in individual cubbies, to be picked up on their return to the compound. The inmates are then searched and issued a blue jumpsuit. They then proceed to the basement where they wait to be picked up by

their crew supervisor or outside escort. Upon the inmates' return to the compound the reverse process is followed.

The reason for the change in the work call/recall process is to reduce the contraband items being returned to the compound, to reduce the pressure other inmates are placing on the inmate who works off the compound to bring contraband items back to the facility, and the flexibility to allow the crews/private industries to pick up and return the inmate throughout the day instead of specific window period, as was the previously operation. The window period remains intact, if the inmates are returned when the window period is closed to the east compound

they will remain at East work call until they can be escorted back to the visiting reception area.

The new work call /recall area is in operation Monday through Friday from 5:00 am until 6:00 pm. The area is staffed by 2 Sergeants and 1 Correctional Officer I. The East Unit has been re-staffed with several specialty posts to help facilitate the changes and the increased responsibility of keeping the unit secure and helping reduce the contraband.

We at the East Unit would like to welcome the new specialty post officers. CO I Mosser, CO 1 Kuhns, CO II New, CO II Eldridge and we would like to congratulate Mary Parks for being assigned to her post as a Specialty post officer.



JOHN COOLING Celebrates 40 YEARS AT LCF!



CHAPLAINCY REMINDER - Donald Almond

It seems that from time to time we in the Chaplaincy Dept. are not receiving the religious group callout sign-in sheets with the inmates signatures. We only want to remind those of you that rely on those

sheets to check whether an inmate is authorized to attend a particular callout to be sure that those completed sign in sheets are returned to the Chaplaincy Office. This is our only way to track attendance

and whether an inmate is to have his name removed from the list for lack of attendance. Thank you for your continued help in this matter.

2006 VOLUNTEER BANQUET



"Volunteers mean the WORLD to us."





Corrections Clips: Department News

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NEWS FROM PLACE TO PLACE

Parole - The first of five training sessions on Case Planning was provided at TCF in March. The training course is a statewide initiative to provide information that will help parole staff develop case plans with offenders and address criminogenic needs. The training includes information about evidence based practices in offender management, discussion on the selection of criminogenic domains for action steps, and an introduction to the new Case Plan form on TOADS. The class is facilitated by Jeff Larson and Kim McIrvine, corrections practitioners in Iowa who have experience working with offenders and developing case plans. Training sessions are being provided at several locations throughout the state. All Parole Officers and Parole Supervisors will have attended the class by July 1, 2006.

Hutchinson - HCF celebrated four retirements on April 21, 2006; Darrell Cooley with 37 years, Emanuel Bess with 13 years, Herb Hartley with 13 years and John Rusk with 17 years.

This year's Mustang Adoption Event was held on May 5th and 6th, 2006. There were 22 horses adopted out this year.

The HCF Employee of the Year Appreciation Barbecue was held on May 12, 2006. This year's Security EOY is Lt. Jack Kipp, Contract EOY is Janet Myers with CCS, and Volunteer of the Year is Barry Bergston. Our Non-Uniformed EOY is Darrell Cooley who was selected as the KDOC EOY.

Larned - Art Riedel began as the Business Administrator of this facility in August of 1991. He later became Deputy Warden, a position he has held for a little over five years. Mr. Riedel will be retiring from service with the State of Kansas on June 19, 2006. The facility will be hosting a retirement reception on June 16, 2006, from 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM. If you are able to, stop by and help Art Riedel celebrate this milestone. If you have items or anecdotes to place in his Memory Book, contact Cindy Stejskal and E-mail Art with your good wishes!

Winfield/ WWR - Employees of the year were honored in Topeka on May 16, 2005. Those from WCF/WWRF were: Officer of the Year: COI Vance Henderson, Employee of the Year: Barbara Dulos, Sr. Administrative Assistant, Contract Employee of the Year: Bryan Faber, Greenbush Vocational Instructor, and Volunteer of the Year: Mike Rethmeier. In honor of Correctional Employees Appreciation Week, a Pizza and Pop Party was held Thursday, May 18, 2006 for all staff, with a party hosted for each shift.

WCF has undergone many changes, including a new (metal) roof for Pinecrest, Shift Office moved to the former Human Resources offices in Pinecrest, and Medical expanded their offices to the former Shift Offices and former inmate library. The office changes more efficiently utilize existing space, while allowing much-needed expansion for both the Shift Offices and for medical staff. Ongoing renovations include the Electrical Upgrade project and A-Dorm restroom project.

Shawnee County Re-Entry - The Shawnee County Re-entry Program held their Accountability Panel on May 16, 2006. During the Panel meeting, two participants were congratulated for completing 6 months post release work with the program. The panel also welcomed one individual recently released to the community. Following the business portion of the meeting, to show appreciation for their support, staff provided certificates and brief case bags to volunteers.

Health Services - JoRene Kerns was awarded the "Distinguished Service Award" at the ACHSA (American Correctional Health Services Association) Conference in Raleigh, North Carolina on May 11, 2006. This award is given to members of the ACHSA organization for their dedication and contributions to the organization. JoRene has been a member of ACHSA for many years and has served on their Board of Directors for approximately the last 8 years. We at CCS are honored to have her as our leader and mentor.

No man is fit to command another that cannot command himself.

Coming Soon!!!!
Cultural Competence Week July 24 – 28, 2006
Making the difference together!!!!

Ellsworth - Congratulations to ECF Employees and Volunteers of the Year: Uniformed -- Captain Berge Cox, Non-Uniformed -- Chaplain Herbie Harris; Contract -- Assistant Food Service Director Larry Allan, and Volunteers -- Philip and Michelle Steele. We are also proud of Captain Cox for being selected as the KDOC Uniformed Employee of the Year at the State level!

An Eagle Imager Thermal Camera has been provided to ECF by Ellsworth County Emergency Management (ECEM) through a grant from the Department of Justice. This device provides vision enhancement in firefighting and similar emergency response activities. ECF staff will utilize this technology to enhance searches of vehicles exiting the facility and during emergency situations, including escapes. Per the agreement with ECEM, this equipment will be available for use by other Ellsworth County Law Enforcement personnel upon request.

Collaborative efforts among ECF, Kansas Department of Transportation (KDOT), Occupational Center of Central Kansas (OCCK), and a private industry employer have resulted in the establishment of public transit services from Ellsworth to Salina. ECF inmates employed by businesses in the Salina area are now able to utilize this form of transportation to get to and from work. The transportation bus has a 16-seat capacity and can accommodate two wheelchairs.

Victim Services - The week of April 23 – 29, 2006, was National Crime Victims' Rights Week. This year's theme focused on *Victims' Rights: Strength in Unity*. In honor of the advancements made in victims' rights and for the victims themselves, KDOC Office of Victim Services, in cooperation with the Governor's Federal Grants Administration Office and the Kansas Attorney General's Office, hosted the second annual Crime Victims' Rights Awareness Open House. This year's open house included several displays from local and state-wide victim service agencies and organizations, as well as from other State agencies that provide assistance to victims and survivors and their families. People from various State agencies and local organizations were in attendance. This was a great opportunity for people to learn more about services available to crime victims and socialize with service providers. In addition, Central Office staff had the opportunity to purchase dress-down stickers in observance of the week. Thanks to all the employees who helped us raise money to donate to MADD. MADD was truly grateful to receive the donation.

El Dorado - The El Dorado Correctional Facility staff has been very busy with fund raisers this past month. The activities included a prayer breakfast, softball tournament, garage sale, gospel concert and a bicycle event. The softball tournament had ten teams participating and raised \$2,060. The garage sale produced \$750 and the bicycle ride produced \$4500 with 55 riders, both activities were held in the rain. Chaplin Gooch rode 25 miles in the event and this produced \$400 in pledges. The feature attraction of the event was the grand prize won by Chaplin Gooch. This prize was an over night stay at a local B&B, a ride in a limo and a massage. Congratulations to the Chaplin and the great effort that was supported by the staff at the facility. The concert was held at the middle school last Friday night with outstanding performances by Andy Newbrey, GOOD GUYS and Kim Andrews. The concert proceeds were \$800.

Tuesday May 16, 2006 was the annual trip to Topeka to recognize the uniform and Non-uniformed employee of the year for the department. EDCF recognized Brain Pond Non uniformed Employee of the year and COI Leonard Van Besien-Uniformed employee of the year. Leonard was nominated for his maturity, dependability and loyalty to his assignments which include security and a short assignment to the canteen. COI Van Besien does security support in the control center monitoring much of the facilities surveillance equipment. He has also been one of the stabilizing influences during emergency situations that have occurred on his shift. Brian Pond has led the facility with many modernization and technology advancements. This included updating the computer screens in the control center and the design and development of the incident logging system. The logging system was accepted and activated at the other facilities as the acceptable model. This system provides a historical documented log of the emergency and is a valuable tool for the department. Brian has also used the "test" bed process to test new computer capabilities before activating on the working system. This has prevented the facility from having problems with the computer system during changes and updates.

Smiles are something we can share whatever culture we come from.



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Proceeds will
help Special Olympics

2nd Annual Prison City Bike Run
June 10th, 2006

Lansing Correctional Facility
Bike runs starts at 10:30am

Bands begin playing at 12:00 noon
Come join us!



Featuring the bands: Midnight Eclipse,
Close To Broke and Ad-Lib-N

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